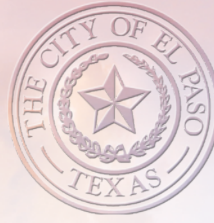


MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



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The citizens of El Paso have seen many changes this year – one particularly vital change within their city government. In February 2004, citizens voted to make the move toward the Council-Manager form of government, making El Paso the largest U.S. city to adopt this government type and forging a new path for the municipality to follow. In order to begin this transition, Mayor and Council began the nationwide search for who would become El Paso's very first City Manager. The end result of their leadership in this recruitment process was the final selection of an individual to work in this new capacity.

I am proud not only to have been selected as El Paso's first City Manager, but also to be a part of this City government's history. This is a significant mile-marker for the citizens of El Paso, and I feel honored to move this municipality into a new era. It is my goal as City Manager to effectively implement this new form of government, while working closely with the community, the Mayor and Council, and the organization itself to make sure we meet and exceed all expectations. The City of El Paso will strive to provide the best level of service to the community at the lowest possible cost to our taxpayers. This step towards a more efficient and cost-effective city government is a fundamental element of this organization's basis and on-going mission.

I look forward to serving the citizens of El Paso in upcoming years, both as the City Manager and as a fellow member of the El Paso community.

Sincerely,

Joyce A. Wilson
City Manager